I ALWAYS FEARED THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN.

YOU'VE BEEN GROWING SO MUCH, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY...

BUT JUST WHEN I THOUGHT IT MIGHT NEVER COME OUT AGAIN...

.....MAYBE YOU CAN'T HEAR ME...

I WAS AFRAID THAT "THAT" WOULD COME OUT SOMEDAY.

SOMETHING ELSE, SOMETHING THAT ISN'T NII-SAN...

EVER SINCE THAT INCIDENT WHEN WE WERE LITTLE... WELL, I'VE BEEN TRAUMATIZED BY THAT FOR A LONG TIME.

THE SAME GOES FOR YOU, RIGHT, NII-SAN?

I HATE IT.

WHAT A SHAME.

BUT I'M NOT AFRAID ANY-MORE.

BECAUSE I FINALLY UNDER-STAND.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING SCARY...

IT'S JUST ANOTHER PART OF NII-SAN.

IN THAT CASE, I'M NOT AFRAID.

NOR WILL I TREMBLE WHEN I SEE THAT FORM.

THE ONE IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT NOW...

...IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, NII-SAN.

DON'T BE SO DISTANT.

I'M YOUR BROTHER, AFTER ALL.

35%

YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE...!!

THIS ISN'T ME!!!

OH NO...

RITSU, DON'T...

RITSU!

YOU HAVE TO...

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42%

STAY...

AWAY FROM

THAT...!

DON'T TRY TO BEAR YOUR SUFFERING ALONE.

NII-SAN.

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THANKS.

NOPE! I'M FINE.

IF YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO, I'M HERE.

DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?

I WANTED YOU TO TALK IT OUT WITH ME, NII-SAN...

THE TRUTH IS...

...BUT WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT NOW.....

THAT'S HOW YOU KEPT A LID ON YOUR OWN POWER...

YOU HAD SOME PROBLEMS THAT YOU COULDN'T TELL ME ABOUT.

53%

IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING, IT'LL HAPPEN AGAIN...

I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM...

EVER SINCE THAT INCIDENT...

ANY CLOSER AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO RESTRAIN IT...

STAY BACK...

RITSU...

THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY SERIOUS CONFLICT BETWEEN US.

61%

WHEN WE WERE LITTLE, YOU SHOWED SO MUCH MORE EMOTION, BUT THEN...

GETTING MAD, LAUGH-ING...

EVENTUALLY, YOU WOULDN'T EVEN LET PEOPLE SEE YOUR PSYCHIC POWER...

AFTER TAKING ON THE BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENT, NII-SAN CHANGED.

70%

THIS IS ANOTHER NII-SAN, ONE THAT HAS BEEN REPRESSED...

LIFTING THE LID AND REARING HIS HEAD...

THIS NII-SAN...

FROM NOW ON, YOU NEED TO LEARN TO LIVE WITH EACH OTHER AND GET ALONG!

CONNECTED AT THE ROOT, YOU CAN NEVER BE CUT APART.

79%

I WANT US TO REALLY TALK IT OUT THIS TIME.

I'M HERE FOR YOU!

DON'T CARRY THAT BURDEN ALL ON YOUR OWN.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO HOLD YOURSELF BACK.

BUT... I DON'T WANT YOU TO CHANGE ANY MORE THAN THIS, NII-SAN.

LET'S HAVE A GOOD LONG TALK WHEN WE GET HOME.

AS YOUR BROTHER AND FELLOW ESPER...

TODAY WAS THE DAY YOU WERE GOING TO CONFESS TO TAKANE-SAN.

THAT THOUGHT IS THE ONLY THING DRIVING YOU.

SO EVERYTHING EXCEPT TAKANE-SAN IS JUST AN OBSTACLE?

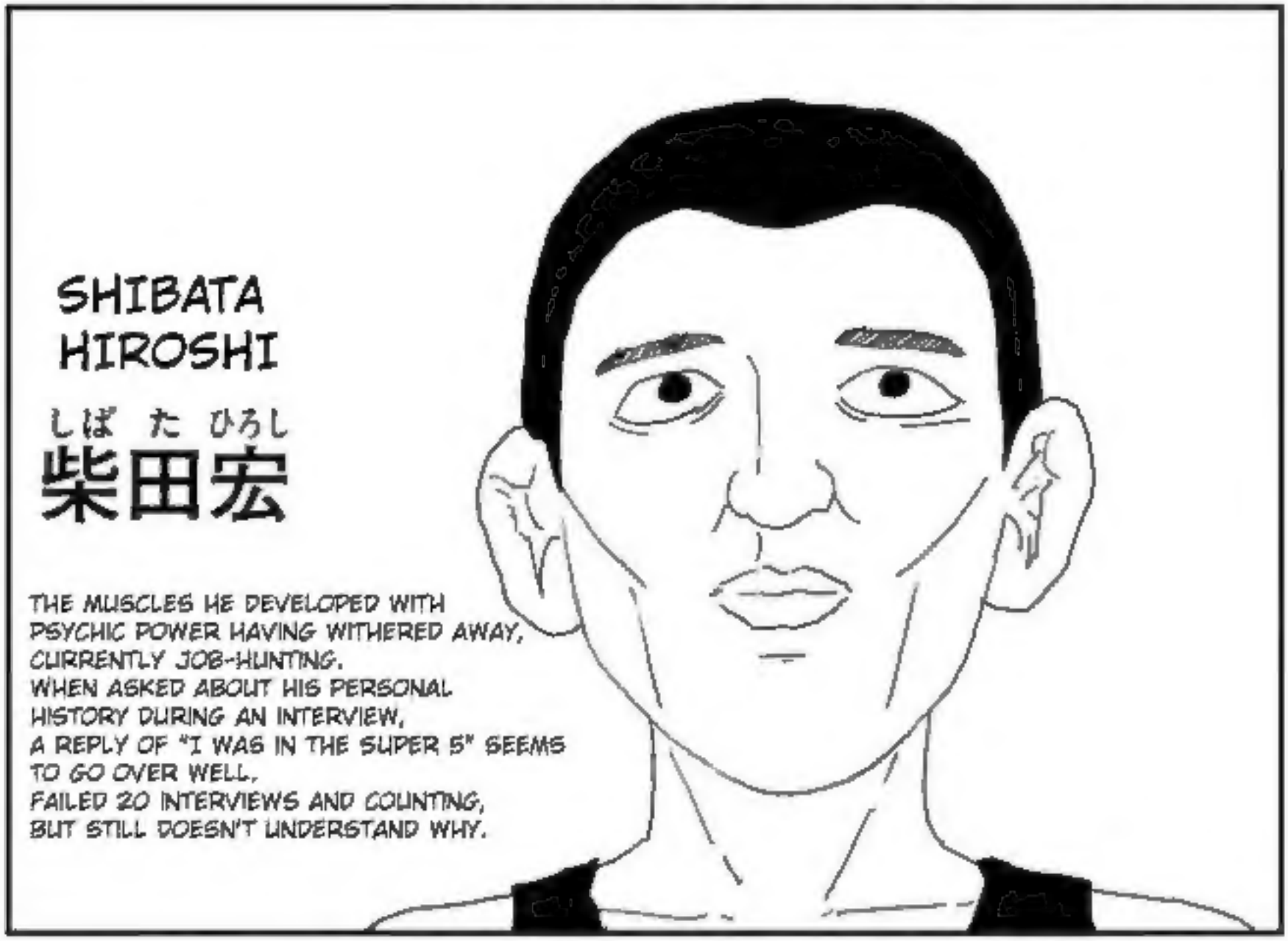
SOME KIND OF INCIDENT MUST HAVE SET YOU OFF, I SUPPOSE...

BUT STILL, THAT IS NOT A GOOD THING.

LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS.

I WILL CONFISCATE THE BOUQUET.

87%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THE MUSCLES HE DEVELOPED WITH
PSYCHIC POWER HAVING WITHERED AWAY,
CURRENTLY JOB-HUNTING.
WHEN ASKED ABOUT HIS PERSONAL
HISTORY DURING AN INTERVIEW,
A REPLY OF "I WAS IN THE SUPER 5" SEEMS
TO GO OVER WELL.
FAILED 20 INTERVIEWS AND COUNTING,
BUT STILL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHY.

HATORI
NOZOMU
はとりのぞむ
羽鳥希
EMPLOYED BY A COMPUTER SERVICE
AND SUPPORT COMPANY,
BUT AS HE PROCESSES CLAIMS DAY AFTER DAY,
STRESS ACCUMULATES.
HE MANAGES TO KEEP IT TOGETHER BY BLOWING
OFF STEAM ON INTERNET MESSAGE BOARDS.